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Dr. Otto E. Guthe
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Dear Dr. Guthe:

1. During his recent visit to Washington, Mr. Sidney Jacques, the U. S. Delegate to COCOM, expressed a need for statistical estimates of diversions to the Soviet bloc.

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If practicable, however, the estimates should include:

- a. Quantities and values of selected strategic commodities believed to have been diverted during the recent past - e.g., in 1951 and 1952. (The following are examples of suitable commodities: copper, bearings, aluminum, iron and steel, scrap, molybdenum, nickel, and ferro-alloys.)
- b. The ratio or percentage of the diverted quantities and values of these commodities to total bloc imports during the same period.
- c. The ratio or percentage of the diverted quantities and values of these commodities to total bloc consumption during the same period.

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- d. The COCOM countries involved (as countries of origin or diversion) and the extent of involvement of each.
- e. Minimum, maximum and "best guess" estimates of the quantities, values and percentages (as above) of all primary strategic commodities diverted during the period under study.

3. I should like to emphasize the urgency and importance of this request. In order to be of maximum value, the requested intelligence should be received by this Office not later than November 20, 1953.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

W. S. DeLany
Deputy Director
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